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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ANDREWS

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1. PROPOSED TSANOV VISIT AND JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. WE HAVE INFORMED USDA (WHICH, SURPRISINGLY, WAS LEFT OFF THE DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR THE REFTEL) OF ITS CONTENTS. IT IS NOW LOOKING INTO WHETHER BERGLAND WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE TSANOV IN SEPTEMBER, ASSUMING THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT IS READY FOR SIGNATURE BY THEN. BOTH USDA AND WE THINK LATE AUGUST WOULD BE AN INAPPROPRIATE TIME FOR HIS VISIT, GIVEN VACATIONS, ETC. WE WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY OF USDA'S RESPONSE.

2. KHRISTO KHRISTOV CASE. FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, OUR FILES ON THIS CASE ARE MISSING MANY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MIKE MOZUR COULD HAVE HIS FILES ON HIS CASE DUPLICATED AND POUCHED TO US. THANKS.

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3. JERRY SIEGAL'S VISA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MIKE MOZUR WOULD LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF A VISA FOR JERRY SIEGAL, PAUL THIBAUT'S REPLACEMENT. JERRY SUBMITTED HIS APPLICATION MORE THAN SIX WEEKS AGO AND WOULD LIKE TO

LEAVE THE WASHINGTON AREA ON JULY 18. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE AT POST ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1.

4. CHAKUROV VISIT. COMMERCE AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST THE BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK AND THE EMBASSY HERE IN PLANNING AND ORGANIZING A POSSIBLE "BUSINESS" VISIT BY CHAKUROV IN OCTOBER. THE BULGARIANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN BEGINNING THE PLANNING PROCESS AND THAT ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE BORNE BY THE GOB. IN THIS CONNECTION, MIKE HEGEDUS, THE BULGARIAN DESK OFFICER IN COMMERCE, HAS INFORMED US THAT AMBASSADOR GRIGOROV WILL DELIVER THE LUNCHEON ADDRESSES OCTOBER 5 AND 7 AT THE EAST/WEST TRADE SEMINARS IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO. THESE SEMINARS, SPONSORED BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE DIVISION OF COMMERCE'S BUREAU OF EAST/WEST TRADE, ARE INTENDED TO ACQUAINT LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WITH COMMERCE'S ROLE IN EAST/WEST TRADE. WHEN AN AMBASSADOR AGREES TO ADDRESS THE SEMINARS, THEY ARE USUALLY ORGANIZED SO THAT AN ENTIRE MORNING IS SPENT ON HIS COUNTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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